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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE GERMAN RETREAT.

Fresh Successes on French Front.

London, March 28.

A French communique states:—Between the Somme and the Oise, there is a violent reciprocal artillery duel on the front at Boupy, Esignay and Benay, where our fire stopped dead several attempts at an attack.

South of the Oise, we followed up our success, capturing all the lower forest country and the villages of Petit Darin, Vemouil, and Coucy la Ville. Our advanced elements at some points reached the western skirts of the forest of Sigobain, in the upper part of Coucy. The losses in this region were slight.

North of Soissons, we made important progress north of Neuville sur Margival.

A successful *coup de main* in Argonne resulted in the capture of twenty prisoners.

There is a somewhat violent artillery duel at Verdun in the direction of Hill 304, north of Besnoy.

Desperate Enemy Effort Predicted.

London, March 28.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, M. Painleve, Minister of War, in urging the necessity of calling up the 1918 Class, said:—We are entering the decisive phase of the war, but "decisive" is not synonymous with "short." The German retreat has proved the strength and co-ordination of the Anglo-French, but that does not mean that the German armies are weakening; rather that the enemy is mastering his strength for a desperate effort.

More French Progress.

London, March 28.

A French communique states:—There is nothing to report between the Somme and Oise.

South of the Oise, there is lively reciprocal artillery firing in the region east of the lower forest of Coucy.

We have again progressed to north of the Ailette, and also in the sector east of Leuilly and Neuville sur Margival, where we carried several important points *d'appui*.

There is a most violent artillery struggle in the region between Batte de Meuil and Maisons de Champagne.

German Imagination.

London, March 28.

A German official wireless message says:—We counted one thousand dead Englishmen on the battlefield between Lagnicourt and Morchies since March 28. As evidence of the success of our plans, the French advance on the west bank of the Oise, near La Fere, collapsed with sanguinary losses.

We captured trenches to the south of Ripont, and took three hundred prisoners.

A counter-attack drove off French detachments which had penetrated to the north of Rheims.

THE TORPEDOING OF A HOSPITAL SHIP.

Details of a Dastardly Act.

London, March 27.

The Admiralty announces that the British hospital ship, the *Asturias*, while steaming with all navigation lights, all distinguishing Red Cross signs, and brilliantly illuminated, was torpedoed without warning on the night of March 20.

The military casualties are eleven dead and three missing, including a female staff nurse. Seventeen were injured. The crew casualties are twenty dead and nine missing, including a stewardess. Twenty-two were injured.

The torpedoing of this ship is an achievement claimed by the U boats in a German wireless Press message.

Many Nurses Aboard.

Later.

More women were aboard than usual, as many nurses whose service had expired were returning, eagerly anticipating a stay at home.

One boat capsized while being launched, some of the occupants being an hour in the water. The survivors were most cheery, being dressed in the most heterogeneous clothing—pyjamas, quilts, etc. Many had cut hands and feet.

Several of the Medical Corps, including three nurses, are missing.

The explosion was made worse by the fact that the torpedo exploded in the part of the ship where the disinfectants were stored, the fumes from the chemicals being suffocating.

The bodies of the Captain and twenty-four medical orderlies were landed on Thursday morning. All were wearing life-belts. Some had been drowned and some had died from exposure.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Given the Freedom of London.

London, March 28.

The London City Corporation has decided to confer the Freedom of the City on General Smuts, Sir Edward Morris, and the Indian delegates to the Imperial War Conference. The other delegates have already received the Freedom.

All the delegates lunched with their Majesties the King and Queen to-day.

ITALY HONOURS SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

London, March 28.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, General Sir William Robertson spent a week visiting the Middle and Lower Isonzo and the Trentino fronts. He was given an audience by the King, who invested him with a high decoration. A distinguished British General also distinguished himself at the front.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE NEW RUSSIA.

All Classes Determined to Win War.

London, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the principle that the war must continue until complete victory is everywhere unanimously expressed by the Army, the Navy and the People. The only differences are regarding annexations, to which the most Radical elements are opposed.

Feelings of solidarity between the soldiers and officers are increasing, and it is manifest that all realise the necessity of war to the knife against the enemy.

News from the front shows the same feelings there.

General Ivanoff Arrested.

London, March 28.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, General Ivanoff has been arrested at Kief.

A Popular General.

London, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that General Brusiloff has received the oath from the troops on the south-western front. The soldiers shouldered him to Headquarters, where crimson shields were hanging inscribed:—"The troops will conquer the enemy as the nation has conquered the dynasty."

Financial Obligations Respected.

London, March 28.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the New Russian Government had assumed the financial obligations of the old Government towards Britain.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

Why Details of Sinkings are Not Published.

London, March 28.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macnamara explained that the accounts of sinkings were not allowed to be published, because to do so would give information to the enemy which otherwise would not be obtainable. But in all cases the owners or Lloyds were confidentially informed. The former communicated with the relatives.

Shipping Arrivals in France.

London, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the average daily number of merchantmen arriving in France during February was 95, for the first fortnight of March 110, and from thence until March 25, 131.

A WARNING TO GERMANY.

Demand for Greater Share in Government.

London, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that *Vorwaerts*, commenting on Russia, continues to warn the Government "against a new and dangerous enemy, namely:—the conviction among free peoples that they are defending the people's freedom." It again urges that the people should be given a greater share in the Government.

The attitude of *Vorwaerts* is significant in view of the fact that it is under Government control.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Wider Franchise Advocated by Mr. Asquith.

London, March 28.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith, in moving a resolution urging prompt legislation on the lines of the resolutions passed by the Speaker's Conference on Electoral Reform, declared that in view of the war services of women and post-war questions regarding women's activities, it would be unjust and inexpedient to withhold the franchise from women.

THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

Outspoken Utterance by Mr. Hughes.

London, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne says that Mr. Hughes addressed three thousand people at Bendigo. The audience was most enthusiastic, waving flags, singing the national anthems of the Allies and cheering.

Mr. Hughes' announcement that the question of conscription might again be submitted to the electorate was continuously cheered. Mr. Hughes eloquently appealed for whole-hearted co-operation in organised efforts to increase the food supply, and generally to the people to conduct the war by means of men, money and products. He urged the need for products to help the Empire.

He denounced the methods of the Labour caucus, and said "Every loyal Australian is humiliated because in the Senate the Labourites prevented Australia's representation at the Imperial Conference."

In order to refute false statements, Mr. Hughes announced that the soldiers' vote on conscription by means of the Referendum was 72,000 for and 58,000 against. This announcement was loudly cheered.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE SETTLED.

London, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne says that the strike of iron-monitors, mentioned on March 21, has been settled. After eighteen weeks, the men have been granted an increase of ten pence a day. The employees have lost 406,000 by the strike.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE GERMAN GHOLS.

Graves Torn Open and Pillaged.

London, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters states that the full atrociousness of the conduct of the Germans in the evacuated territories is now only appearing. They not only broke open vaults in churchyards and used them as machine-gun shelters, but systematically pillaged the graves of the well-to-do for the zinc and lead linings of the coffins, and possibly for ornaments and jewels.

Several graves in cemeteries were torn up in ghoul-like fashion, the coffins broken up, the remains of the dead scattered, and rubbish and filth thrown into the yawning graves. In contrast to this, the Germans show an almost exaggerated respect for their own dead. Their trim and gaudy cemeteries abound with pompous epitaphs to "Fallen German Heroes" and with characteristically inscribed tombstones stolen from neighbouring French cemeteries.

ARGENTINE EXPORT PROHIBITION.

London, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Aires states that the exportation of grain and flour from the Argentine is prohibited, in order to secure the stocks necessary to the country.

THE RUSSIAN FRONTS.

Some German Claims.

London, March 28.

A German official wireless message says:—The thaw has retarded fighting on the east front.

We penetrated the Russian positions on the north-eastern slope of Ooman, in the wooded Carpathians, and we returned with prisoners and booty.

We stormed the fortified ridge to the south of the Uz Valley, and took 150 prisoners. Counter-attacks failed.

DESTROYER MINED.

London, March 27.

The Admiralty announces that a British destroyer was recently mined and sank in the Channel. Four officials and seventeen men were saved.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion, on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CANADA AND WAR FINANCE.

Ottawa, March 27.

Sir Thomas White, the Minister of Finance, in announcing that the new loan of thirty millions sterling has been oversubscribed by twenty millions, states that the applications aggregated over forty thousand. The increase in small subscriptions is most gratifying. The result is a most notable and significant success for the Canadian people and will be regarded by the outside world as Canada's greatest achievement in the war, next to the mobilisation and despatch overseas of the Canadian army. It will immensely change Canada's financial prestige and strengthen her credit should she later have recourse to foreign money markets. But Canada, if she chooses, can do her war financing. He urges Canadians to continue to save money and so enable Canada to finish the war with the greater part of her debt held by Canadians.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

The Fighting on the Chera.

London, March 27.

A Russian official message, received by wireless, states: The enemy attacked on the west bank of the River Chera. A second attack was accompanied by asphyxiating gases and compelled us to fall back eastward.

To Support the New Government.

Petrograd, March 27.

Nine of the principal grand dukes and three princes have associated themselves with the views expressed by the Grand Duke Michael in his act of abdication, and have surrendered their appanages to the State. They have expressed their determination to support the provisional government.

More German Lies.

London, March 27.

A German message says:—We energetically advanced south-east of Baranovitchi and stormed positions on the west bank of the Schtchara, capturing 300 prisoners.

We repulsed a Russian attack following violent waves of fire westward of Luck.

Strong French advances north-west of Monastir failed.

A Salutary Warning.

Petrograd, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent says that since M. Gutchoff's warning of a likely German attempt on the capital, officers have been waiting in queues at the Commandant's headquarters and volunteering for the Riga-Dvinsk front.

The Victims of the Revolution.

Petrograd, March 28.

Soldiers are digging a huge square grave for the victims of the Revolution in a prominent part of Petrograd upon which a monument can be erected.

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TELEGRAMS.

Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."

EARLIER TELEGRAM.

THE TEA TRADE.

London, March 28.

In the House of Commons Mr. Balfour stated that 93,624,000 lbs. of tea were bonded in London on February 28, and 333,372,617 lbs. were withdrawn last year. The arrangements for lowering the selling price would be enforced on May 18. The Food Controller would not allow any consideration to interfere with the interests of the consumer. Steps have been taken to prevent and speculation. —Delayed in transmission.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Finance Committee's Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals was held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, Post Office Buildings, yesterday, when the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Chairman of the Committee, presided over a good attendance.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Dr. Gibson, the following were added to the Finance Committee:—Mr. W. B. Walker, Mr. J. H. Wallace and Mr. J. Walker.

The report of the Sub-committee was adopted, mention being made of the good work done by Mr. Chan Shiu-ki and Mr. Chan Kung-u in getting subscriptions.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. G. Coppin, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. Matheson, Acting Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. Chapman, Hon. Auditor.

In reply, Mr. Coppin said that they started the year with a balance of \$8,878.78, whereas in the previous year they started with a deficit of \$6,382.19. That was greatly due to Mr. Chan Shiu-ki and Mr. Chan Kung-u. The year 1916 was the first year, for at least twelve years, that they had had a credit balance. The donations for 1916 were at least some \$9,600 less than for the previous year, and he pointed out that they should collect at least \$15,000 during the coming year if they wished not to encroach on their balance. They had to record an increase in medicines of \$4,445.20, due to the increased cost of supplies owing to the war.

Some amendments having been made in the constitution of the Committee, the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim was elected as Chairman in place of the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, who promised to give all the assistance he could in his official capacity as Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Votes of thanks to the outgoing officers, and to the Chamber of Commerce for the loan of the room, concluded the meeting.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Clark's Circus, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

General Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

Friday, March 30.
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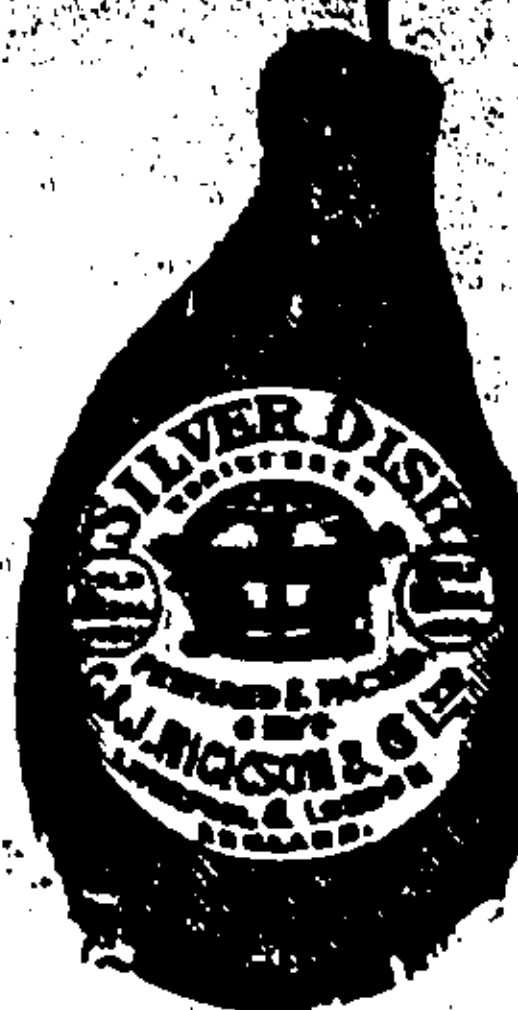
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GENERAL NEWS.

Military Training v. Athletics.

The student council of Phillips-
Andover Academy, Massachusetts,
has recommended to the faculty
that athletics be eliminated for
the rest of the academy year and
military training substituted.
The council, voting unanimously,
called upon the student body, as
a matter of patriotism, to forgo
personal athletic ambition and
enter wholeheartedly into the
proposed drills.Russia Confiscates Huge Power
Plant.The Russian Government has
taken over a large waterfall on the
Upper Woonen river, in Finland,
together with a generating station
designed to develop 800,000
horsepower. It will be ready
next year and is expected to cost
\$5,000,000 kroner. The principal
shareholders in the concern are
the Deutsche Bank.

Payments to Chinese M.P.s.

Owing to financial difficulties,
the members of Parliament have
not been paid in full since August
last when Parliament assembled.
says the Peking Daily News. They
have been receiving only \$400
per month. Therefore this month
the Government will pay \$1,800
to each member in addition to the
monthly payment to make up the
deficiency. The money has already
been handed over to the two
Houses of Parliament.

Soldiers and Brigands Unite.

Last year the brigands in the
Tungshing district were active
and numerous but through the
carefulness of the officials, they
were able to do no great damage.
Recently the brigands joined
hands with some laymen soldiers
in planning to murder the
magistrate and loot the city.
Fortunately their plot was dis-
covered and many soldiers were
arrested and executed while the
brigands escaped to neighboring
districts.Big Strike at Muroran Steel
Works.According to a Muroran des-
patch, 180 workmen of the
Muran Steel Works, who recently
demanded an increase of 20 per
cent. in their wages, struck work
on the 14th. Three hundred and
thirty-nine others went out on the
15th, and 1,460 men in the
machine factory laid down their
tools soon afterwards. The Com-
pany is said to intend to comply
with the men's demand in order
to settle the matter amicably.Jews Ready to Fight for
United States.Says a U.S. paper.—America,
the only nation that has given
the Jew a "square deal," will
find the Jew in the front ranks
if the country goes to war, says
Abraham M. Liss, editor of the
Jewish Daily Press, in an editorial.
"Right now America, the only
nation which has ever given the
Jew a square deal, is on the
brink of war with Germany,"
says the editorial in part. "With-
out any question the Jew will
answer the call to arms for
America—his country."

An Osaka Scandal.

The case in which Messrs.
Kasei and Takashita, officials of
the Civil Engineering Depart-
ment of Osaka City, are involved,
is becoming more and more
serious. Mr. Yasuda, Chief
of the Civil Engineering
Department, has resigned,
as he considers himself re-
sponsible for the misdeeds of his
subordinates. It is reported that
Mr. Yasuda is suffering from
nervous prostration in an acute
form, and is practically unable to
attend to his duties. The affairs
of the Department are
said to be in a state
bordering on chaos. Applications
of various kinds and other docu-
ments are awaiting attention. As
evidence of further crimes in
which the accused men and some
others are believed to be involv-
ed has been obtained, the
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GENERAL NEWS.

U. S. Export of Munitions.
Since the commencement of the war, when exports of explosives and firearms began, \$904,534,911 G. worth of firearms and explosives have gone out from the United States.

Japanese Troops at Ching Chia-tung.

A Peking telegram dated the 14th states that the Japanese Garrison at Ching Chia-tung will not be withdrawn until the responsible officers attached to the 25th Division have been punished. Owing to this, some of the Chinese officials and civilians are urging the Commander of the Division to see that the order received from Peking for the punishment of the responsible officers is carried out without further delay.

Strike at a Mitsui Bishi Dockyard.

According to a Nagasaki despatch, 150 workmen of the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard struck work yesterday morning and assembled on the hill at the back of the works, says the Kobe Herald of March 17. The strike is attributed to dissatisfaction in regard to their wages. The Mitsui Bishi Dockyard is said to be considering a proposal to purchase a theatre in Nagasaki with the idea of turning it into a club for the workmen.

Hunting Big Game in Corea.

The Seoul Press publishes a report from Choongju, North Choongchong-do, that a Japanese named Kimura, living in Chechun District, while engaged with a few Coreans in bear hunting on Unpan in Lyongwol, Kangwon Province, heard that there was a huge tiger on the mountain. After a search lasting three days the party discovered the beast. The Japanese hunter fired at it several times, but the beast made good its escape into the forest. A few days later a Corean boy gathering wood in the forest discovered a huge dead tiger measuring about 10 feet in length. The beast is supposed to be the one shot at by the Japanese hunter.

Kobe Boy Wins the Military Cross.

Advice has been received in Kobe by cable that George O. Dell Clarke, of the Royal Flying Corps, Salonica, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dell Clarke of this port, has just been awarded the Military Cross. The news comes from Cairo, so it would appear that the intrepid young aviator has been recently transferred to the Egyptian and Syrian field. This tribute to the services of a Kobe Boy, who has evidently played a conspicuous part in the struggle which is going on to secure supremacy in the air, will be heartily welcomed by the many friends of the family in this country. Young Mr. Clarke, by the way, mentioned in a recent letter that the Fokker machines in use in the German Army are very powerful and much swifter in vertical flights than the British machines.

Well-Known Journalist's Death.

Mr. Robert P. Porter, editor of the Japanese and other supplements of the Times and well known in Tokyo, died on March 2, from the effects of a motorcar accident. Mr. Porter, who was 64 years old, was born in Norfolk, and went to America in his youth. Starting work on the Chicago Inter-Ocean in 1872, he became afterwards an expert in the United States Consular service and later worked on the New York Tribune and Philadelphia Press. He founded the New York Press in 1887 and ran it until 1894. He was the Director of the Eleventh Census, and became the close friend and adviser of President McKinley. He joined the staff of the Times as an editor of the Engineering Supplement in 1904, and as principal correspondent for North America in 1906, continuing as such until 1909. He edited the Times South American and Japanese Supplements in 1909-10, and revisited Japan rather more than a year ago to arrange for the last Japanese supplement issued by the London journal. He was the author of a book on Japan, dealing mainly with economics, and had written a "Life of William McKinley" and several other books.

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A BEERLESS DAY?

Convocation Favours State Purchase.

Prohibition during the war and State purchase of the liquor trade were approved yesterday by the House of Convocation of Canterbury.

The Archdeacon of Coventry moved: "That this House would regard with approval the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor except for cases certified for by medical order, and for religious purposes during the continuance of the war and for six months after."

He did not think that the country was in any sense prepared for total prohibition beyond that period. The public houses could be kept open and temperance refreshments sold and it would be easy to compensate publicans for loss in the sale of alcoholic drinks.

Dr. Ayles, who seconded, said that we were prejudicing our chance of victory from whatever point of view we looked at it, owing to drink. We had been told that we were a beleaguered city. During the next few months there was likely to be a shortage of food, and at the same time we devoted as much ground to the growing of stuff for beer and spirits as for corn.

The Dean of Canterbury said if the resolution were carried, it would mean that the troops would not get their rum ration. That would be a serious thing to recommend. For a large number of people a certain amount of alcoholic liquor was not a luxury but a necessity. Prohibition as suggested would mean the prohibition of a vast amount of mental if not physical energy.

The motion was carried by 35 votes to one, the Dean of Canterbury being the dissentient. In discussing a resolution by the Dean of Lincoln favouring State purchase of the liquor trade, the Dean of Hereford raised the question of a beerless day, as well as a meatless day.

Canon Aitkin said that under State purchase there would be a possibility of greatly diminishing the alcoholic strength of the beverages provided by the Government. If they had beer no stronger than German lager beer, they might expect a large diminution of intemperance.

The resolution was carried by 53 votes to six.

According to official returns, the customs receipts for February amounted to £2,847,652. As compared with the corresponding period of last year this shows a gain of £175,057. The revenue gathered in since the year opened amounts to £33,375,232, showing a gain of £2,896,624.

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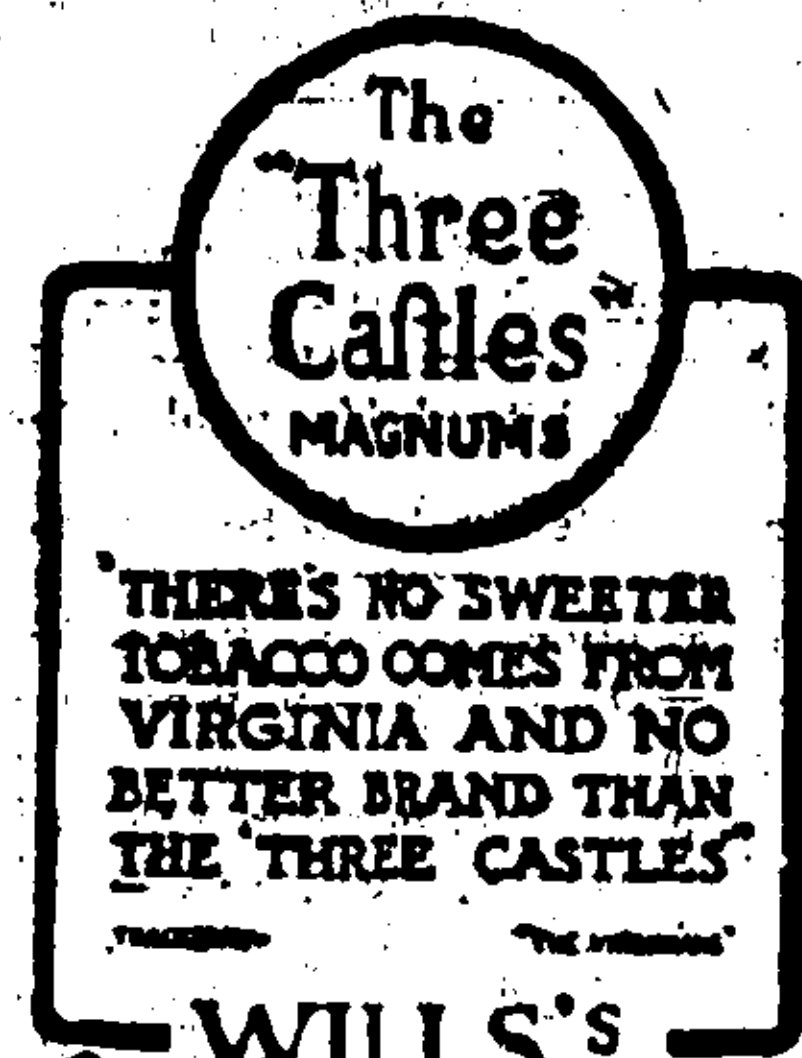
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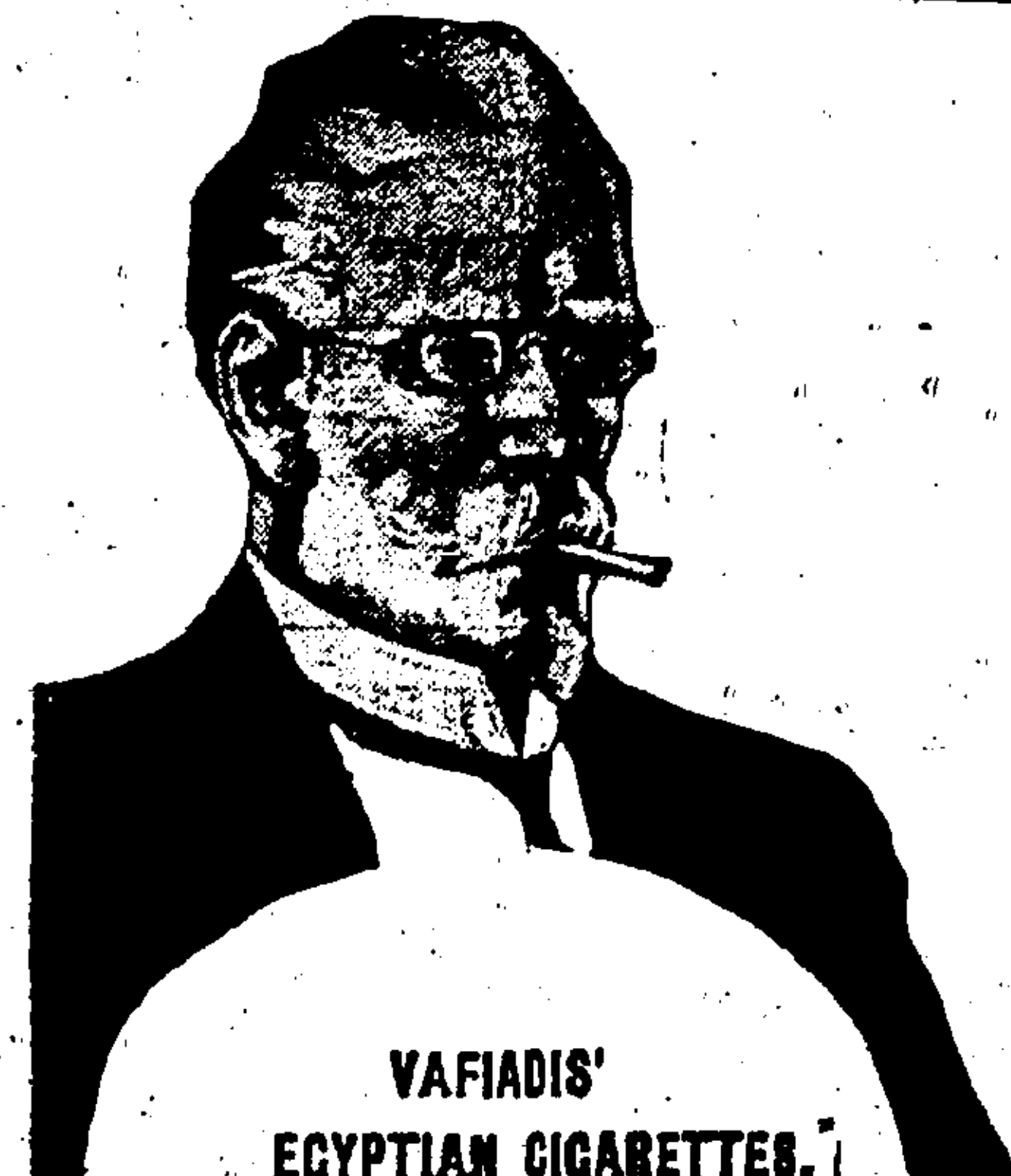
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THE INDUSTRIAL FUTURE OF CHINA.

At the Dock meeting the other day, Mr. Hough raised a point which is very far from being of minor importance. The Chinese, he intimated, by the initiative which they have displayed in sending the German Minister out of their country, have proved that they really are waking from their long sleep; and though "they will be with us in excluding the Hun from again entering the field of competition" they will be there themselves. This latter truth should, as the speaker said, set us thinking. Individual business men in Hongkong, China and the Straits may perchance realize that our greatest competitors in the Chinese market will presently be the Chinese themselves, but one is perfectly safe in saying that this idea has entered into very few heads at home. Even Hongkong people, who have been mixing daily with the Chinese for many years past, do not readily grasp the fact that this great country, which is still yawning and stretching its limbs before rising to take its part in the day's work of the world, must soon cease to be merely a convenient dumping-ground for foreign commodities.

The beginning of mining and of railway work in China marked the beginning of her new existence as a country productive of those things which, in former days, she either did without or else imported from foreign countries. There are some respects in which retrogression is an impossibility for a nation—and one of those is the adoption of foreign luxuries. When once China had tasted of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, it was unthinkable that she could return to her old ways. The machine, the railway train, the steamboat, electricity and the motor-car have come to China to take up a permanent residence—because her people simply cannot resist their attractions; they have tried them, have seen that they are good, and so are feverishly eager to banish the more primitive contrivances which formerly contented them. The advance in the popularity of European dress has been relatively slower, for the reason that it has still not been satisfactorily demonstrated that foreign clothing is preferable to native; but in practically all else, from confectionery to cinematograph pictures and from type-writers to whisky or bottled beer, the Chinese are acknowledging in their daily lives that the productions of the outer world are worth buying.

But from buying to producing is but a step. Japan has taught us that. Japan began by having steamships built in British yards; to-day she builds them in her own. China began by buying munitions of war of anyone who happened to have these for sale; to-day she can make her own. And to-morrow she will make her steamships, and—who knows?—her battlecraft. In every walk of life she is showing her determination to do for herself what she has been paying others to do for her—all of which, of course, means that every day is bringing the foreigner a little nearer to the limit of his trade relations with this old-new country, in an alarming number of directions, and should warn him to make his hay while the sun shines. China's advance can hardly be so speedy as that made by Japan; if only for geographical reasons; but she will be none the worse off for that. Her best men know the evil of haste. Even though she should take fifty years to accomplish what her smaller neighbour has accomplished in half that time, there can be doubt as to her anxiety to arrive at the goal of Western civilization—or of the ultimate success of her efforts. Many Hongkongites of the present generation will probably live to see China absolutely independent of foreign aid in all high every direction, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that they may also live to see keen competition between themselves and the Chinese in those very lines which they now regard as essentially a foreign monopoly.

Imperial Preference. It is refreshing to observe that the Imperial Preference question is not to be allowed to lapse into the background for lack of enthusiastic advocates of a sweeping change in our fiscal policy. It will have been seen, that a meeting of Peers and Commons has urged the immediate laying down of the necessary machinery for giving effect to the Paris Conference resolutions and to the scheme of Imperial Preference favoured by Lord Balfour of Burleigh's Committee. Though the war has had a distinctly educative influence in a thousand and one directions, it is still the fact that there are interests at home which mean to fight against any abandonment of so-called Free Trade to the end, but when the time for action comes, we shall be surprised if the tariff reformers do not easily carry the day. What indeed will have been the practical utility of the summoning of the Paris Conference or of the appointment of Lord Balfour's Committee, if the recommendations of both are to be ignored? More than a year ago Mr. Asquith declared that it was not intended to wait peace to give effect to the Paris resolutions. The tariff reformers are taking him at his word now, as they are fully justified in doing.

"No Evidence." The Committee of Enquiry into the recent disaster at an East London munitions factory reports that "there is no evidence that the disaster was maliciously caused." But will the British public be content with such a finding? Unless we are very greatly mistaken, the average Britisher will feel that, so long as there is a Hun uninterred in the Homeland, there will always be abundant evidence in such cases. If there was no danger in allowing these pests to be at large, why has the internment steadily increased? The people at home began by merely shutting up a few; then plots and attempts at espionage were discovered—and a few more Huns were interned; and so on, till the majority were safe behind the bars. But what of the minority? When are they going to be deprived of the power to do mischief? And what of the men whose softness, or whose fondness for the Hun, as the case may be, prompted them to favour the leaving at liberty of so large a number of alien enemies? Is the country going to have no reckoning with them after the war is over? If ever such men are allowed to sit in Parliament again—whether the Lords or the Commons—it will be a lasting disgrace to Britain. And, by the way, when is China going to wake up to the necessity for looking up the Boches within her territory? To leave any free is to court trouble.

The Blockade. Lord Robert Cecil's speech in the Commons yesterday, regarding the blockade, was "in reply to criticism"—a fact which occasions us no surprise. Lord Robert is a well-meaning and thoroughly conscientious gentleman, but that does not explain why the powers-that-be should have elected to make him blockade minister. After nearly thirty-two months of war he tells us that "the tightening of the blockade has resulted in the complete cessation of overseas importations into enemy countries." With all due respect to him, we would suggest that it was about time that this result should accrue. In the past we toyed with the blockade as we toyed with the internment business; we were furiously anxious to study the convenience of neutrals who did not care the proverbial cuss for our, and who were making money, hand over fist, by the exports of Europe; and the consequence was that for a long while the Germans laughed at our "blockade." And over the supplies which have been going into Germany from adjacent countries, if we can bring pressure to bear on one of these countries we can do so with others. Germany should—and could—have been starved out long ago; but for the fatal soft-heartedness of some of our rulers, many of whom will probably never learn that a Government's first duty is to consider the sensibilities of its own folk, and not of those whose profits have more than compensated their loss or inconvenience.

Motor Mishap. Yesterday an old man was knocked down by a motor car from the Far Eastern Garage, at Pokfulam. The man sustained only slight injuries to his leg.

Dividends. Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., has declared a dividend of \$18, each 75; and that Langkats have declared a dividend of \$1,000.

Guard of Honour. The Scouts Company of the H. K. V. C. will furnish a guard of honour, two officers and 50 rank and file, to receive Rear-Admiral Yamaji at Blake Pier at 10.45 a.m. on Friday, 30th inst. Dress:—Review order, (black).

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DAY BY DAY.

TO-DAY IS THE "TO-MORROW" YOU WORRIED SO MUCH ABOUT YESTERDAY: AND THAT DREADFUL THING HASN'T HAPPENED, HAS IT?

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GOVERNOR'S CUP SHOOT. Further Entries Received. The following further entries have been received for the rifle meeting on Saturday, April 7, at Stonecutters:—Sergeant Small, K.S.L.I.; P.O. 52 Mahmood, H.K.P.; Warder Gast, Victoria Gaol; Q.M. Sergeant Williams, R.E.; Leading Seaman Kitson, R.N.; Private Kelly, R.M.L.I.; Mr. H. Elson, H.M. Dockyard; Mr. Brock, H.M. Dockyard; Mr. W. Drew, H.M. Dockyard. There are now over sixty competitors.

The Sergeant Superintendent of Police (B). Dr. Jordan, has offered a cup for the fourth best shot.

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Sport at Happy Valley.

Some excellent sport was witnessed on the Racecourse yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the Ying Wa College athletic meeting. The band of the 74th Panjabis was in attendance, and at the close of the programme, Mrs. Maclean Gibson distributed the awards. She was thanked on behalf of the staff by Mr. A. Hughes and was presented with a bouquet by one of the students. The officials were as follows:—Patron, Dr. Au Sze Cham; President, Mr. A. Hughes; Vice-President, Mr. Li Foonson; Judges, Messrs. Gerkin, Chan Hing Hwa, Fan, Wong Fai Kong, Ho Shin Lau, Watt In Heng, Ramjahn, W. Gittins, Ko Sik Wai, Chan Sun Nam, Chan Ling Tim, Chan Chau On, Wong Shau Nin, Dr. Chak, Sit, Ho Sam U.; Timekeepers, Mr. F. M. Mohler and Mr. E. G. Stewart; Starters, Mr. Yeung and Mr. Li Chor Chi.

Appended is a list of the results:—

Senior Champion, Cecil Chan (10 points); runner-up, Won Sik Yin (9 points).

Junior Champion, Cheong Kong Chan (9 points); runner-up, Kong Shiu Ng (8 points).

Long Jump (Senior)—1, Cecil Chan; 2, Pan Toek Po; 3, Pan Cho Pin.—Distance, 15 feet 3 inches.

Long Jump (Junior)—1, Cheung King Sing; 2, Cheung Ying Choi; 3, Chu Kwan Yin. Distance, 13 feet 5 inches.

100 Yards (Senior)—1, Cecil Chan; 2, Wong Sik Yin; 3, Pan Cho Pin. Time, 12 4/5 sec.

100 Yards (Junior)—1, Kong Shiu Ng; 2, Pan Shing On; 3, Cheung Kong Chan. Time, 12 4/5 sec.

100 Yards (Small Boys)—1, Kwan Seung Ki; 2, Au King; 3, Yeung King Tak. Time, 14 1/5 sec.

High Jump (Senior)—1, Wong Sik Yin; 2, Cecil Chan; 3, Pan Toek Po. Height, 4 feet 6 inches.

High Jump (Junior)—1, Cheung Kong Chan; 2, Pan Shing On; 3, Chu Kwan Yin. Height, 4 feet 4 inches.

220 Yards (Senior)—1, Cecil Chan; 2, Wong Sik Yin; 3, Fan In Wing. Time, 26 1/5 sec.

220 Yards (Junior)—1, Kong Shiu Ng; 2, Cheung Kong Chan; 3, Cheung King Shing. Time, 29 3/5 sec.

220 Yards (Small Boys)—1, Kwan Seung Ki; 2, Yeung King Tak; 3, Au King. Time, 33 1/5 sec.

Three Legged Race—1, Cheung Kong Chan and Chan Chik Fai; 2, Kwan Seung Ki and Leung Nai Yang; 3, Pan Toek Po and Lau Sik Wa.

300 Yards Handicap—1, Pan Toek Po; 2, Fan Chi; 3, Lam Hong Ip. Time, 41 4/5 sec.

Quarter Mile (Senior)—1, Cecil Chan; 2, Wong Sik Yin; 3, Fan In Wing. Time, 64 sec.

Quarter Mile (Junior)—1, Cheung Kong Chan; 2, Kong Shiu Ng; 3, Pan Shing On. Time, 70 4/5 sec.

Children's Race—1, Ko Sik Tuen; 2, Li Yan Shui; 3, Ho King.

Mathematical Race (Junior)—1, Wong Man Kwong; 2, Li Shin Hong; 3, Chan Hon Yung.

Half-Mile (Senior)—1, Ng Wai Tak; 2, Cecil Chan; 3, Pan Sin Chin. Time, 2 min. 45 sec.

Half-Mile (Junior)—1, Tang Wing Chuen; 2, Loong Ka Cheung; 3, Leung Nai Yang. Time, 3 min.

Sack Race—1, Leung Nai Yang; 2, Yeung Han Shau; 3, Pan Cho Pin.

One Mile Race—1, Shun En; 2, Kong Shiu Ng; 3, Kwan Seung Ki.

Egg and Spoon Race—1, Pan Cho Pin; 2, Moy Ting Ye; 3, Leung Nai Yang.

One Mile Race—1, Cecil Chan; 2, Ng Wai Tak.

Old Boys' Race—1, Fan In Kan; 2, Ko Yea Cheung; 3, Lau Hang Chi.

Consolation Race—1, Kam William; 2, Li Kin Yung; 3, Wong Shiu Wa.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

"Germany and America," says a *Telegraph* headline.—We don't know about Germany, but America's part in the contract seems to consist of questions from President Wilson to the Senate as to the legality of the United States' going to war with Germany on the score of the latter's having slaughtered some two or three hundred American citizens during the past couple of years. We are privately informed that President Wilson does not consider that a sufficient number of Americans has yet been killed, and that he is waiting for an "overt act."

Our sympathies, this week, are with the unfortunate newspaper reader who, having read in a local contemporary that "we have now passed Generalissimo, Cansay," etc., spent several hours in looking up "Generalissimo" on the map of France.

We have no further sympathies to spare this week; but we would offer our heart-felt thanks to those local wits who have refrained from attempting anything in the pun line on the name of Count Protopotoff. Such little essays in the art of humour rather fray our poor nerves.

A contemporary, handling the work of a well-known newspaper man at the front, observes:—"General Candler, writing from the Western front etc."—We should like to hear something from Field Marshal Philip Gibbs, with, perhaps, a few fanciful stories from Major General Irvin G. Cobb.

"Fall of Bagdad"—French Delight, said a *Telegraph* poster recently.—And the cynic of the staff growled: "What sort of delight did you expect to see? Turkish?"

Congratulations, by the way, to the contemporary that spoke of "12.45 a.m. on Thursday morning."

Says the *Manila Daily Bulletin*:—"Plans to discredit U. S. are scented."—That's the first time we ever heard of anything scented coming out of Germany. The average Hun product, whether news, plans or anything else, usually reeks of the hog-pen.

The same paper comes out with the headline: "What Mexico Has Done"—Maskee Mexico. What we want to know is what the United States has done.

A rumour (which at present lacks confirmation) is going round the Colony to the effect that, owing to Mr. Goldring's retirement from the Sanitary Board, the *Hongkong Telegraph* proposes to send up a representative to contest the vacancy. Should there be truth in the story, we prophesy a warm time for the Department—particularly as regards those dust bins, and the stench outside the Central Market.

Scene: A Macao Boat. Passenger from the land of the Spread Eagle inquisitor: "Say, I guess I ought to have my comfort interfered with, just because the guys in Europe choose to run a hell-fun-cent war."

Said a morning contemporary's leading article recently:—"The official phalanx has on many points been a very tough bone to gnaw."—We have nothing to add, beyond the suggestion that this constitutes something quite abysmal in the way of metaphor: is in fact a tough proposition altogether.

"The Peking-Hankow Railway is arranging an inclusive Easter Excursion to the Hailing tombs, which, leaving Peking on Saturday 7th April, at 7.15 by the night train will be back on Monday 9th April in the evening at 6.20." (*Peking Daily News*).—And now we quite feel we know all about it.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

It is said that Louis Raemaekers, the famous Dutch cartoonist, has exerted a greater influence against Germany's submarine warfare than any other man in the world to-day except President Wilson. It is a significant fact, remarks the *Chicago Herald*, that the one artistic genius produced as a result of the war is a neutral. And the power of Raemaekers is due to the convincing fashion in which he drives home a universal point that concerns not merely the belligerents but every nation. Raemaekers is a unique combination of skilled journalist and gifted artist, and because of this his work has stirred nations to their depths. His vigorously drawn sketches are the most powerful indictment of war produced within the last two years.

Mr. G. B. Shaw, says the *Daily News*, has lent himself deliberately as a film actor to help the "ideal" production of "Maak and Faces," in which an all-star cast has given its services for the benefit of the Academy of Dramatic Art. Mr. Shaw is a member of the Council of the Academy, and, having been persuaded to appear in an introductory scene which shows the Opuscoli deciding upon the production as a means of helping its finances, he threw himself into the enterprise with all his characteristic vigour and conscientiousness. Trade experts declare that Mr. Shaw's performance is the most energetic and finished of all—"that if he had not been a great dramatist he would have made a distinguished film star. In expressing regret that his natural modesty should have been subjected to such a trial, he seems to have recovered his spirits with the reflection that it all meant money and that 'there is no monument more enduring than brass.'"

Mr. Neville Chamberlain anticipates that many men under his scheme must take up new trades—which should not disturb us, seeing that the majority are tied to callings which we did not choose and have no special capacity for. I met the other day, says a *Daily News* correspondent, a man who started life in the "profession," and when the war broke out had settled quietly in a small business. In his youth he had made a hobby of electricity and telegraphy, and he is now "doing his bit" as a wireless operator. The fact is that we are even to a comparatively late age wonderfully adaptable, and square pegs soon lose their corners in round holes. And as to the age, I myself knew a lady who began the study of Greek (like Grote) at 80 in order to help her great grandson, of whom she was very fond. And she made real progress too.

The Eugenists have been having another parade, says the *Pall Mall Gazette*, and the papers are full of tasteful references to the stockyard. There is a great deal, no doubt, in eugenics, but so long as it is discussed in terms of fat animal breeding (as if man must return to the four-legged state if he wants to be saved) the doctrine will hardly be made really popular.

The musketry instructor had gone over the various parts of the rifle for his class of raw recruits, and had very carefully named and explained such things as the magazine, the bolt, the stock, and the barrel. He flattered himself that he had accomplished the task very well. Just as a test, he turned to Private X and asked him how many cartridges he had in his rifle. Reflecting a little, X replied, "Seven in 't'ian and one up 't' spear."

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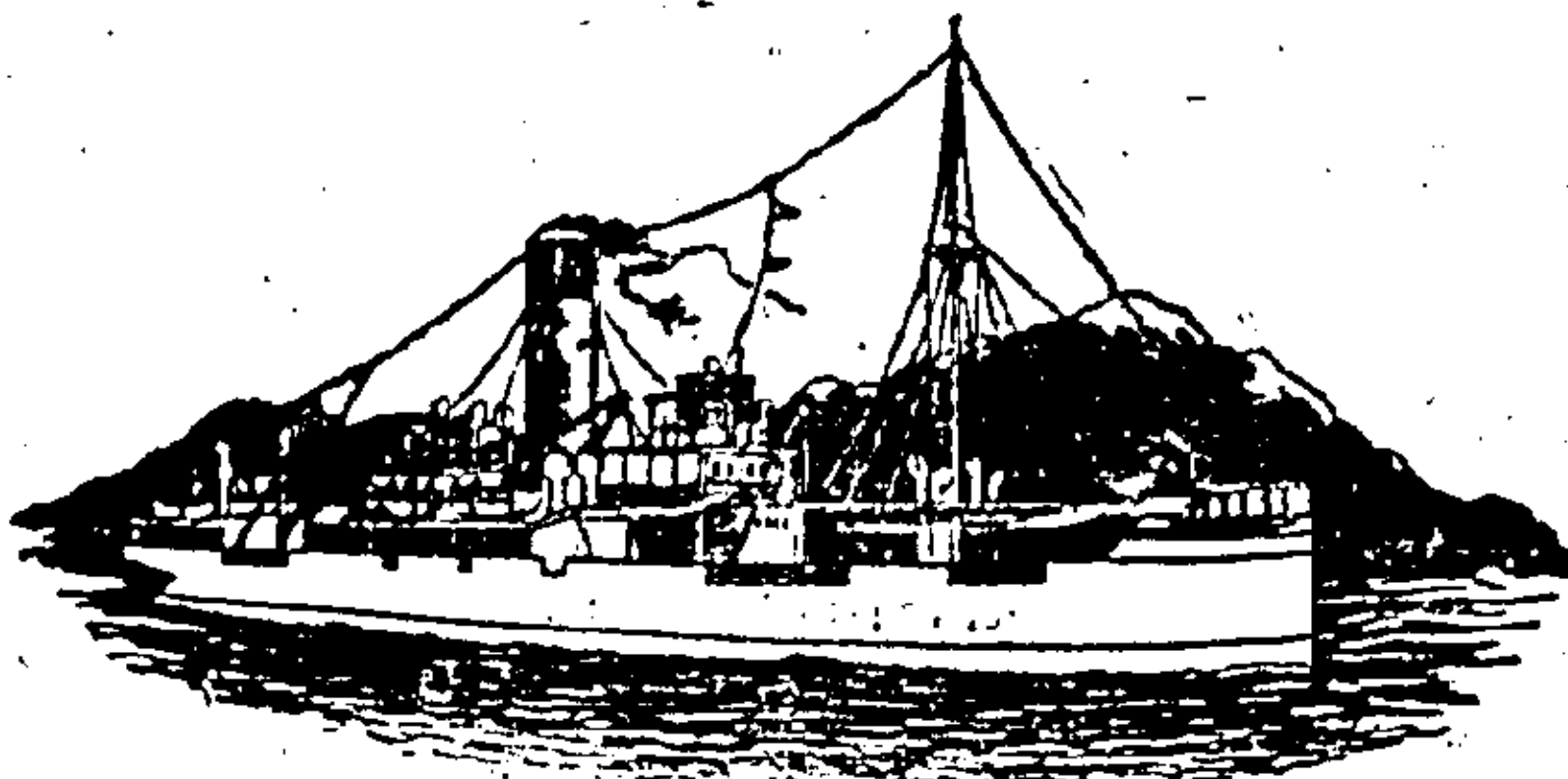
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the harbour by the swept channel
and that deviation from it is
attended with risk. The channel
is swept between the hours of
sunrise and 7.30 A.M. and should
not be used between those times.

In the event of ships arriving
in the swept channel before the
sweeping is completed they are
warned that it is dangerous to
approach vessels employed
sweeping the swept channel or
to attempt to pass between pairs
of vessels sweeping.

The vessels sweeping carry a
ball at the masthead and an-
other ball in a position where
the yard would be and on that
side on which it is dangerous for
vessels to pass.

All signals made by the vessel
superintending the sweeping are
to be strictly obeyed.

C. W. BECKWITH,
Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 29th March, 1917.

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MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.

The s.s. CHINA sailed from San Fran-
cisco on March 12, 1917, and is due to
arrive in Hongkong on or about April 10,
1917.

The P.M.S.S. Co.'s Steamer ECUADOR
sailed from Manila on Sunday, the 18th
inst, and is due to arrive at Hongkong
on Tuesday afternoon. It is proposed to
dispatch her on Wednesday morning, the
29th inst, at noon, for San Francisco via
Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama & Honolulu.

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NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	2, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Goonter	J.C.J. L.	6, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L.	13, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	China	G. M. S. S.	16, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Persia M.	K. K.	16, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Korea M.	T. K. K.	28, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Rindjani	J.C.J. L.	20, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Awa M.	N. Y. K.	1, May.
San Francisco via Japan	Siberia M.	T. K. K.	12, May.
San Francisco via Japan	Araka	J.C.J. L.	14, May.
San Francisco via Japan	Venezuela	P. M. S. S.	21, May.
San Francisco via Japan	Te y M.	T. K. K.	23, May.
San Francisco via Japan	Anyo M.	T. K. K.	11, Sept.

JAPAN AND COAST PORTS.

Haiphong	Loksang	J. M. Co.	29, Mar.
Kobe	Tjikwang	J.C.J. L.	29, Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	29, Mar.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	B. & S.	29, Mar.
Swatow and Bangkok	Chihua	B. & S.	30, Mar.
Haiphong via Pakhoi	Kaifong	B. & S.	31, Mar.
Shanghai	Ch yuang	J. M. Co.	31, Mar.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	31, Mar.
Newchwang	Kansu	B. & S.	31, Mar.
Shanghai via Weihaiwei	Singan	B. & S.	31, Mar.
Shanghai	Anhui	B. & S.	1, Apr.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiphong	D. L. Co.	3, Apr.
Shanghai	Sunnia	B. & S.	3, Apr.
Sendakan	Mausang	J. M. Co.	3, Apr.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	4, Apr.
Tientsin	Huichow	B. & S.	5, Apr.
Manila via Amoy	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	6, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kaza M.	N. Y. K.	12, Apr.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	13, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Jinsen M.	N. Y. K.	13, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Katori M.	N. Y. K.	28, Apr.

CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

s.s. "SHINYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, via
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
and MANILA.

The above named steamer
having arrived, consignees of
cargo are hereby notified to
send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of cargo from
alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered
on the 29th March, at 5 P.M., will
be landed at consignees' risk and
expense, and delivery must then
be taken from the Company's
Godown. Storage charges will
be assessed on all cargo remain-
ing undelivered on the 2nd
April, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised
after the goods have left the
Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo
will be landed into the Company's
Godown, where they will be
examined on the 3rd April at
10 A.M.

No Claims will be recognised if
filed after the 17th April, 1917.

T. DAIGO,

Agent.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1917.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on March 1, 1917.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL.

	1916.	1917.
Tyiam	511.00	511.00
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STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND
DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1916.	1917.
Tyiam	511.00	511.00
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Consumption of water in the City and Hill District
in millions and decimals of gallons during the month
of Feb., 1917.

	1916.	1917.
Consumption	511.00	511.00
Estimated population	511.00	511.00
Consumption per head per day	511.00	511.00
Services to houses in the Kider Main Districts disconnected from Kider Main and a supply given by public street fountains only during February in both years 1916 and 1917. A constant supply was however given for a day in 1916 (February 1st-4th) on account of Chinese New Year.	511.00	511.00

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1916.	1917.
Kowloon Gra- vitation Re- servoir	511.00	511.00
Estimated population	511.00	511.00
Consumption per head per day	511.00	511.00

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND
DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1916.	1917.
Kowloon Gra- vitation Re- servoir	511.00	511.00
Estimated population	511.00	511.00
Consumption per head per day	511.00	511.00

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and
decimals of gallons during the month of Feb., 1917.

	1916.	1917.
Consumption	511.00	511.00
Estimated population	511.00	511.00
Consumption per head per day	511.00	511.00
The Government's Analyst's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.	511.00	511.00

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

JAVA-PACIFIC LIJN.

THE Steamship

"ARAKAN,"

having arrived from SAN FRAN-
CISCO, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby notified to send in their
Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered
on the 25th March, at 5 P.M., will
be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense, and delivery must then
be taken from the Company's
Godown.

No Claim will be admitted
after the goods have left the Go-
downs, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after noon, the 2nd
April, 1917, will be subject to
rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 4th
April, 1917, or they will not
be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damag-
ed Goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be ex-
amined on the 4th April, 1917,
at 10 a.m. by the Company's
surveyors, Messrs. Goddard &
Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be coun-
tersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1917.

CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

s.s. "NIPPON MARU,"

From SAN FRANCISCO via

HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS

& MANILA, P. Is.,

The above named Steamer hav-
ing arrived, Consignees of cargo
are hereby notified to send in
their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered
on the 25th March, at 5 P.M., will
be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense, and delivery must then
be taken from the Company's
Godown.

No Claim will be recognised
after the Goods have left the
Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo
will be landed into the Com-
pany's Godown, where they will
be examined on the 30th March,
1917, at 10 A.M.

No Claims will be recognised if
filed after the 13th April, 1917.

T. DAIGO,

Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1917.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.

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The Largest Modern Department
Store in the East.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE GERMANS IN CHINA.

Peking, March 27.
The German Minister and his staff have left for Shanghai, whence they will sail by the Dutch steamer Rembrandt to San Francisco, and thence across the United States, probably to Holland.

PLIGHT OF BELGIAN DEPORTEES.

London, March 27.
The Belgian Government has received letters from eye-witnesses describing the terrible fate of Belgian deportees in Germany. Their treatment is unimaginable. They are dying by scores, of starvation, and are even eating rats.

THE WESTERN DRIVE.

Further French Successes.

London, March 27.
A French communiqué says:—We continued our advance south of the Oise in the lower forest of Conchy, of which we occupy the entire northern portion. The enemy has been driven beyond the Barisis-Servais line.

By a night attack we brilliantly carried the village of Conchy-le-Chateau, south of the forest, which the Germans energetically defended.

In the region north of Soissons we captured a farm north-west of Margival and a point d'appui strongly held by the enemy.

British Occupy Longuevaux.

London, March 27.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, wiring on March 27, states:—The British have occupied the large village of Longuevaux, possession of which greatly improves our line between Roisel and Nurlu; also the small village of Equancourt, on the Tortille River, near where it falls into the Canal de Nord.

Hun Admissions.

London, March 27.
A German official announcement, received by wireless, states:—Rain reduced the fighting on the whole of the west front to engagements north-eastward of Bapaume and Peronne. The enemy, after repeated fruitless advances, occupied Roisel.

Strong French forces came upon our reserves between the Oise and Coucy-le-Chateau. We inflicted losses and gave way before a threatened encircling movement.

The British Advance.

London, March 27.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We drove out the enemy at Longuevaux, Liernont, and Equancourt, which we occupy, taking a number of prisoners. The enemy's third attack to the north of Beaumont was temporarily successful. We re-captured the post, and re-established the position. Our fire drove out a raiding party to the east of Ploegsteert.

More Culture.

London, March 28.
Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters refers to the enemy's waste of hundreds of tons of explosives in wanton destruction of medieval fortress-chateaux, which are valuable from a military point of view, and in the blowing up of ancient ruins and monuments.

He mentions that German officers offered liberated villagers ten francs for a pound either of coffee, rice, or lard, distributed by the American Relief Commission, in order to send to their starving wives in Germany.

THE FIRST AMERICAN ARMED LINER.

London, March 27.
The steamer St. Louis, the first American armed liner, has arrived at Liverpool. The passengers included four ladies and five journalists. No German submarines were seen. In practice shooting barrels with periscopes were smashed at two miles range. The captain and an American naval officer were on the bridge seventy-two hours.

The St. Louis was armed with six inch guns fore and aft, and manned by selected gunners. She travelled direct through the zone unhindered.

THE BLOCKADE.

London, March 27.
In the House of Commons, replying to criticisms as to the effectiveness of the blockade, Lord Robert Cecil declared that the tightening of the blockade had resulted in the complete cessation of overseas importations into enemy countries. He admitted that the question of the home produce of neutrals adjoining Germany was much more difficult, and expressed the opinion that the only way to stop such exports to Germany was by agreement with the neutrals. For example, Norway had agreed to restrict her trade with Germany provided we supplied her with refined copper.

Lord Robert proceeded to show the steadily increasing diversion of the Danish and Dutch agricultural products towards England instead of towards Germany recently; and emphatically declared that Denmark had honestly endeavoured to carry out the terms of the existing agreement. He would be deceiving the country if he did not say that there was the greatest shortage of food in Germany as the result of the blockade; also of wool, cotton, lubricants, and other necessities. He was not inclined to disbelieve the repeated and well-authenticated reports of food riots in Germany.

THE EAST LONDON DISASTER.

London, March 27.
The Committee of Inquiry into the East London disaster, called on January 19, report that the fire was preceded by an explosion, and that there is no evidence that the disaster was maliciously caused.

The Committee records that 60 were killed on the spot, and 98 were seriously injured, of whom 228 were slightly injured exclusive of hundreds of triflingly affected. It is announced that His Majesty the King has conferred the King Edward medal of the First Class upon Mr. Angel, the chemist in charge, and upon Mr. Wenborne, the leading male hand, and the King's Police Medal on Police Constable Greenoff, who sacrificed their lives through remaining at their posts.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

A HUNDRED BULGARIAN PRISONERS.

London, March 27.
A French Macedonian communiqué states: We captured a quarter of a mile of trenches in the direction of Coest and Ceroanastena, taking prisoner 100. The Italians supported our artillery, and broke down an attempted Bulgar attack.

THE 1918 CLASS.

London, March 28.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the Chamber of Deputies has authorized the calling up of the 1918 class after Easter, and has adopted the Senate's Bill authorizing the withdrawal of naturalization from ex-subjects of enemy powers.

THE TORPEDOING OF THE S.S. ASTURIAS.

London, March 28.
The S.S. Asturias was torpedoed at midnight. The torpedo struck the quarter-deck, damaged the rudder and thence went into the engine room, damaging the machinery and extinguishing the whole of the electrical illumination.

The vessel had landed 900 sick, and those aboard consisted of the crew, members of the Medical Corps and a number of nurses.

Distress signals were answered by a patrol boat, which towed in the Asturias's several boats with survivors.

Between 300 and 400 were landed thinly clad; some of them injured. Three died after landing, while others were rescued by a destroyer and another patrol boat.

GERMANY'S FINANCES.

Some Apprehensions About Germany's Future.

Berne, Switzerland, February 13.—At the moment when Germany began unrestricted submarine warfare and the rupture with the United States occurred, the general financial situation of the Empire was dominated more completely than ever before by the war. It cannot be said that the break with America precipitated a marked bear movement on the Bourse. Trading at no time assumed a panicky character. Though some stocks registered large losses, the general market was dull rather than especially weak.

If the German war loan may be taken as a criterion, the general financial and political temper of the country was confident at the time of the correspondent's departure from Berlin with Ambassador Gerard. On the day before his departure it was still possible to sell war loan at a shade above 97. One, indeed, frequently heard pessimistic expressions among acquaintances about the financial future of the country, and the great strain which the accumulating interest payments will necessarily make upon the economic strength of the people after the war, but such expressions have hardly influenced the Bourse thus far. A considerable number of operators is still disposed to speculate for the rise, upon the expectation that the submarine campaign will force an early conclusion favourable to Germany. This calculation undoubtedly is maintaining the balance of the market.

The sixth war loan, due in March, has not yet been announced. It is hardly expected that past records can be repeated this time, inasmuch as the capacity of the people to save has been diminished too greatly by the increased cost of living. The impression in Berlin is that the total of subscriptions will show a considerably smaller result than in the case of the fifth loan.

Germany is now living under such abnormal circumstances that business conditions in the ordinary sense hardly exist. The language of peace times fails to meet the present case. Virtually all industries are dominated by the war. All the energies of men and machines are bent on producing and distributing war materials. Within the half-year, for example, the great German iron industry has become almost a department of the Government. Prices, which underwent a final sharp advance last autumn, were then fixed through an understanding with the Government, which is now almost the sole buyer. Private customers obtain little iron, and exports have been suspended for months.

The coal trade also is made subservient to war purposes, as far as possible, and private consumers are compelled to meet their requirements with minimum quantities in order that war industries and railroads may be supplied amply. In many cases

LAWN TENNIS.

H. K. C. C. Tournament Results.

Three games were played last evening in the Hongkong Cricket Club's tennis tournament, the most interesting of which was that between Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. A. H. Crook, in the Championship Singles event. There was a good crowd to see this contest, and a very keen tangle was witnessed. At the end of the first three sets, Lo held the advantage, but Crook revived and should have made it "sets all" early on in the fourth, leading at one time by 5-3. It was not until the eighteenth game, however, that the set was decided, Crook gaining the verdict. In the last set, Lo started very strongly and took the first five games, but Crook, recovering, managed to get four games before the match was decided in favour of Lo. The winner had the advantage of youth, and by his forceful play tested the endurance of his opponent.

The results of last night's play were:—

Championship Singles.—M. K. Lo beat A. H. Crook 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 8-10, 6-4.

Handicap Singles (B).—G. de B. Lancaster (rec. 15/3) beat Lieut. A. G. Cooney (rec. 4-3, 6-3, 6-1). Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cary (ows 15/4) beat Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse and Miss Gordon (rec. 15) 6-2, 6-2. Mr. F. A. Redmond and Mrs. Winslow (rec. 15) 1-6, 6-3, 8-1.

There are three games due to be played to-day, these being:—Handicap Doubles.—O. Thorne and T. H. King, (receive 5/6), v. M. M. Maas and W. Manning, (receive 5/6); F. Berington and F. O. Butcher, (receive 2/6), v. R. N. Henderson and H. Handley Pegg, (receive 1/6).

Handicap Singles (B).—J. Jonckheer, (receive 2/6), v. N. Peterkin, (ows 4/6).

Kailan Output.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 17, amounted to 65,959 tons and the sales during the period to 61,001 tons.

schools, theatres, and other public institutions in Berlin are closed temporarily, owing to lack of coal. Other industries, such as textiles and chemicals, also are dominated largely by the war. Entire branches of these industries have been shut down or restricted sharply, because they do not administer to the requirements of the war, but others which supply military needs are working to their utmost capacity. The machinery and electricity trades are extremely active, as most of their output is required for war purposes. There is great activity in the shipyards, many of which are turning out submarines.

ARCHITECT SUE.

An Action which Failed.

At the Summary Court this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir William Ross Davies), a claim against W. L. Weaver, architect and surveyor, of 24 Des Vaux Road, for \$36, brought by a contractor named Fok Cheong of 72, Stanley Street. The claim was for the balance due from the defendant to the plaintiff for piling poles in the foundations of 36A and 36B Praya East.

Mr. W. B. Hind defended, plaintiff appearing in person. Evidence was given by the plaintiff, who said the money was due for driving piles into the foundations of the premises above-named. The defendant was architect for the building and employed him for the work, paying him \$300 for the work done. The total amount was \$470.70, but \$35 was deducted because of faulty piles and tar. The defendant wanted \$100 as commission and a clerk \$10.

Questioned by Mr. Hind, plaintiff admitted that the money was paid by the building owner through the defendant. He (plaintiff) knew that it was the owner who had deducted the \$35. The defence put up was that the plaintiff was employed by the landlord, through the architect, but the architect was in no way liable. Plaintiff should proceed against the landlord if his claim had not been paid.

Defendant gave evidence, saying the contract was made direct between the building owner and the plaintiff, and he had nothing to do with it. An architect he deducted about \$30 for bad piles. The building owner handed him \$491 to pay plaintiff, and he knew nothing about the alleged deduction of \$100 by himself and \$10 by his clerk. The money was handed to an accountant who gave it at once to plaintiff.

Questioned by plaintiff, defendant denied that he had borrowed \$30 from him. He did not have a receipt to show, because the payment was made by a clerk and he (defendant) did not see any receipt.

His Lordship:—Is it customary for the contractor to go the architect for payment?—No. The contractor receives a certificate from the architect and then gets money due.

His Lordship:—You gave no certificate in this case?—No, my Lord.

Replying to Mr. Hind, Mr. Weaver said that he did not know anything about the financial transactions between plaintiff and his clerk, or how the accounts now stood. His Lordship said that, apart from any question as to what was outstanding, he did not think the defendant was liable, and he therefore gave judgment for defendant.

A WEDDING DINNER.

A Pleasant Function at West Point.

Last night Mr. Chan Siu-ki entertained between three and four hundred of his Chinese and British friends to dinner at the To Yuen Restaurant, in honour of the recent marriage of his eldest son, Mr. T. N. Chan, barrister-at-law. The building had been elaborately decorated for the occasion; and the greatest credit is due to those who had in hand the various arrangements for entertaining so large a number of guests.

In addition to Mr. Chan Siu-ki, the bridegroom and his younger brothers, the Chinese present included Messrs. Un Kim-wa, An Tak, Fung Ping-shu, Lo Chuan, Mok Obo-chun, J. M. Wong, Mok Shau-nam, S. W. Tao, B. W. Tape, Wong Kwong-shin and Dr. O. H. Chak. The Europeans present were Mr. H. R. J. Gompertz (Paines Judge), the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., the Rev. W. H. Hewitt, Dr. MacLean Gibbon, Captain Arthur, Messrs. H. J. Gedge, C. A. Hooper, A. H. Harris, W. L. Pattenden, A. H. G. Jackson, S. H. Wright, G. P. Lamert, H. A. Lamert, and A. M. Preston.

During the evening the genial host visited the various tables and drank the health of his guests. There were no speeches but, at the close of the proceedings, Mr. Gompertz briefly touched the hero of the evening.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Union Waterboat Co. Ltd.

A meeting of the Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co. Ltd., the General Managers of the Company, at 11.30 a.m. today. There were present:—Mr. S. H. Dodwell (Chairman), Messrs. B. Shewan, J. Jonckheer, A. H. Skelton, A. G. Luag, (Consulting Committee), Messrs. T. O. Nixon, and G. Morton Smith (Secretary). The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, This meeting was called to formally confirm the resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on 8th March, with regard to the reduction of the capital. I therefore beg to propose the confirmation of the resolutions:—

"(1) That the issued Capital of the Company be Reduced from \$277,230 (Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars) Divided into 27,723 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Three) Shares of \$10 (Ten Dollars) each, to \$194,061 (One Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand and Sixty-One Dollars) Divided into 27,723 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Three) Shares of \$7 (Seven Dollars) each, and that such Reduction be effected by Returning (on such date as the Company's General Managers shall appoint), to the holders of the 27,723 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Three) Shares that have been issued paid-up Capital to the extent of \$3 (Three Dollars) per Share and by Reducing the nominal amount of each of the said Shares from \$10 (Ten Dollars) to \$7 (Seven Dollars)."

"(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the Reduction of the Capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution."

The special resolutions were seconded by Mr. B. Shewan and carried unanimously.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders No. 19, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H. K. V. R., states:—

Parades.

Friday, 30th instant.—Mounted Section at Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section "A" Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lee. Opl. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Sunday, 1st April, for Field Practices.—"B" Company, Platoons 7 and 8, on the Cricket Ground at 8.15 a.m. Platoons 5 and 6 on the Cricket Ground at 9.45 a.m. Kowloon Residents at Kowloon City Pier at 8.45 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. respectively. All exempted members, Signallers and members of Machine Gun Section who have not already fired will attend. Dress Light Marching Order—Haversacks (with food), Waterbottles (filled), belts and pouches. Toposes will be worn. Each man will bring with him 20 rounds of ball ammunition in clips. All Officers and N. C. O.'s will carry field glasses. Great-coats will be worn over equipment and left on the launch at Kowloon City. Signallers in "A" Coy. will parade as detailed by the Signalling Sergeant for Signalling and Telephone work.

Strength.

Pte. J. Wilson having joined is allotted Corps No. 860 and posted to Coy. "B," Platoon No. VII, Section 12.

Notice.

All members of the Reserve are required to forward to the Captain Superintendent of Police a completed form under the Registration of Persons Ordinance 1916. Copies of the form can be obtained from the P. M. Office, Central Police Station. Members should also register any of their families who are eighteen years old or over.

THE POLTAVA.

Can She be Floated?

From reports received yesterday, says the N. C. Daily News of March 23 it would seem extremely doubtful if the str. Poltava of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, which went ashore on North Saddle Island in a thick fog in the early hours of Wednesday morning, can be salvaged. Coming from Nagasaki, the ill-fated ship apparently was making for the North Saddle light which is on the north side of the island, but having been set south by the strong currents, she had passed through the rock islets which are strong to the southeast, one of which she struck on the east end of the island not far from where the Japanese collier has been lying many years. The rock tore the bottom of the ship beneath No. 1 and No. 2 holds, and the engine-room, and finding his ship to be taking water, badly, Capt. Kasarin endeavoured to swing her round and to run due north under full speed so as to beach her in South Bay.

The ship was leaking so badly there was not sufficient time successfully to carry out this manoeuvre, and the Poltava grounded on the east shore, on the west side of the bay which she had crossed after she hit the rock, a distance of about half a mile. She lies inside a reef with her bow deep down and water in all holds. At high tide she is two-thirds submerged and lies in a delicate position with 12 ft. of water at the bow and 12 fathoms immediately back of her stern. There is deep water all round, close up to the island, so that soundings were of little use, and so long as she could not see the light from which to set her course in, there was no means of ascertaining her position in the thick fog.

A party composed of agents of the Russian Volunteer Fleet and engineers from one of the dock companies left last night at 10 o'clock, on the Tug and Lighter Co.'s tug Alexandra, to inspect the vessel this morning and to decide whether any attempt will be made to float her. There is little danger that she will roll off into the deep water because of the reef, and those who were on the scene late Wednesday night seem to hold the opinion that she will lie where she is until the elements break her up. Whether she can be got off depends on how badly she is damaged, and how long the present favourable weather lasts.

The U. S. S. Cincinnati, which was the first of the rescue ships to reach the Saddles on Wednesday afternoon, and which had to anchor and wait for the fog to lift before she could get close enough to take the passengers from the island, returned at nine o'clock yesterday morning. The Cincinnati went inside the bay and anchored, and used her boats to take off the European passengers whom she brought to Shanghai. The Alexandra followed her into the bay, took aboard the 24 Chinese passengers and the mails, and arrived in Shanghai at three o'clock yesterday morning, not having stopped at Woosung for the tide, as did the Cincinnati. The other ships also returned yesterday, except the Victoria which remained standing by with her wrecking gear.

As the Poltava's boilers were out of commission she was unable to use her radio apparatus yesterday and nothing was heard from her. In order that the officers and crew on the island might remain in communication with the agents in Shanghai, the Russian Consul-General requested the Chinese naval authorities to station a ship at the Saddles through which wireless messages might be sent. The senior Chinese naval officer readily agreed to this and the cruiser Hsinchow yesterday afternoon was sent to the Saddles to act as a wireless station, but no messages had been received from her up to last evening.

Council Meeting.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, His Excellency the Governor made an important statement on Hongkong's contributions to the war. Our report of the meeting will appear in an issue.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

The Cuba Revolution and the Sugar Output.

Washington, March 21.—Dispatches from Santiago de Cuba estimate that the sugar output of Santiago has been reduced a third already by the revolution.

Renong Tin Dredging.

Renong Tin Dredging pays an interim dividend on the ordinary shares of 12½ per cent. (actual) in respect of the first half of the year ending June 30, 1917. The dividend is equivalent to 2s. 6d. per share. Income tax will be deducted at the rate of 5s. in the pound. For the whole of the preceding year a dividend of 12½ per cent. was paid.

Japan's Trade With China.

Official investigations show that Japan's trade with China for the first days of the current month showed an excess of exports of the value of ¥6,076,687, exports and imports amounting to ¥7,923,349 and ¥1,846,662 respectively. The volume of trade since the opening of the year amounts to ¥42,464,489 in exports and ¥15,276,266 in imports, showing a balance of ¥27,188,223 in favour of exports.

A Sulphuric Acid Factory.

H. M. Consul at Dairen reports that the Government-General of the Liao-Tung is contemplating the erection of a sulphuric acid factory. It is hoped the work will be sufficiently far advanced to admit of the manufacture of the acid being started in the Spring of 1917. The enterprise is on a small scale, however, the intended daily output of acid being no more than 20 tons. The market price of the acid is to be fixed by the authorities.

Indragiri Rubber Co.

At the annual general meeting of the Indragiri (Sumatra) Rubber and Gutta-percha Co., Ltd., Mr. D. C. von L. Boom Kamp, who presided, stated that the company was in a flourishing condition and might have recommended more than a 15 per cent. dividend, but it was estimated that \$40,000 would be needed this year for buildings and to maintain the immature area. An interim dividend would probably be declared in April. It was possible that the company would be reconstructed shortly with the object of developing 3,000 acres of reserve land.

Burma's Rice Crop.

A summary of the final rice forecast of Burma for the year 1916-17, says: The total area sown with rice in the province is now estimated at 10,819,679 acres, an increase of 113,937 acres over the area actually planted with rice in the year 1915-16. In the sixteen principal rice-growing districts of Lower Burma the cultivated area is now estimated at 3,225,274 acres, against an actual area of 3,097,662 acres of last year, an increase of 127,612 acres. In Lower Burma the three-year and winnowing of the rice crop is approaching completion in almost all the districts. The crop is reported to be threshing out normally in most districts. The area returned in Lower Burma is estimated at 95 per cent. of the normal, against an actual of 93 per cent. in 1915-16. For the whole province the yield is now estimated at 93 per cent. of the normal as against 91 per cent. yield finally for 1915 after the crop had been threshed. The district figures indicate a provincial output of nearly eighty-eight million cwt. of cleaned rice against last year's revised yield of eighty-four million cwt., an increase of four million cwt. The surplus available for export is now estimated to be two million seven hundred thousand tons of cargo rice, equivalent to forty-five and three quarters million cwt. of cleaned rice.

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SPEECH BY ADMIRAL MEUX.

Former Hongkong Admiral's Racy Utterance.

At the opening of Parliament last month, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Hedworth Meux, who was dressed in the uniform of his rank, seconded the Address. He said he could not help thinking that the naval service would very much rather be praised by an outsider than by one who belonged to themselves. In both the Army and Navy it was very hard to judge to whom to give the greatest praise. Everywhere was warfare—in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, and unfortunately, in the water under the earth (laughter)—and he did not know which portion of the Empire deserved the greatest credit.

He thought we all lately, and some of us for years and months, had been very much disturbed by the submarine menace and the constant toll of merchant vessels. He thought it was not too much to say that we had every reason to hope that the same success which had attended the dispatch of the Zepplin was in a very fair way of being brought within reasonable distance by a new effort which was being made to counter the submarine problem. With reference to the work of Admiral Jellicoe, Sir H. Meux read a letter, one of the most striking passages of which was as follows:—"I think when the history of the war is written people will realise how much they owe to Admiral Jellicoe, not only for what he has done but for what he has prevented some other people from doing." (Laughter.) He (the speaker) believed everybody in the Navy had complete confidence in Jellicoe at the Admiralty and Beatty in command of the Fleet. (Cheers.)

One must not forget those who were suffering just as many hardships and undergoing quite as much danger—and they were the men of the mercantile marine. (Hear, hear.) These men had very little chance of glory, and he had not heard of one single case of any man ever wishing to shirk his duty. They treated death and danger in the matter of the day's work. We owed more than we could possibly think to them. (Hear, hear.)

In the gracious Speech from the Throne we were told to respond to every call, and one was in relation to food. He had had a little experience of being more or less starved. (Laughter.) He presumed the Government had already taken stock of the food in this country, because without knowledge they could not make arrangements or calculate how long it would last. Sir George White, who looked after the food at Ladysmith, had been likened to the best caterer since Moses. (Laughter.) But they had exactly 10 days' food left when they were relieved, and they did not want that to happen in this business. It was to the women, who had done so gloriously in this war, that they looked to see that the ration was awarded to us were not exceeded. He had been reading up the subject and found that "Very little was sufficient for a man well nurtured." "Sound sleep cometh after moderate eating." (Laughter.) "A man rises early and his wife is with him." (Laughter.) As for drink, they were told that "Wine is as good as life to a man if it be drunk moderately." (Laughter.)

As for the enemy, if one wished to capture and maintain a wild animal the first thing to do was to try to make oneself acquainted with his habits of thought. He had been trying to account for the barbarities of the German nation, which in some ways before the war many people believed to be a charming nation. And he still believed that there were thousands, if not millions, of men in Germany to-day who were as much ashamed of their brutalities as we were. Philip, the father of Alexander, had the same disinclination, the same agents, the same bribery, and the same cruelty as the Germans of to-day. "Cruelty was the unforgivable sin." Any nation who had practised it had invariably come to a bad end.

ENEMY'S "JUMPINESS."

"In-fighting" Stage on the British Front.

Paris, February 8.—The taking of Grandcourt is only the latest of a series of British nibblings at the German lines on the Somme and the Ancre, which are gradually but surely preparing the way for the moment of a general attack, by the seizure of strong points and positions from the enemy which might prove troublesome.

Spread over weeks, as these seemingly small actions have been, and as they are often dismissed laconically in the communique, the public is apt to neglect or underestimate them. But when it is announced, on the authority of a French expert, that Grandcourt is the 53rd village or site of a village retaken from the enemy on the Western front since July 1 last, the significance of this constant nibbling can be judged.

Besides the strategic value to the Allies of these gains, there is another result of almost equal importance of which Reuter's correspondent can speak for himself from a recent visit to the British front and from talks with officers and men at different points. That is the growing nervousness and "jumpiness" of the Germans all along the line.

Formerly attacks were always preceded by such exceptionally heavy artillery fire that the enemy was prepared. Now they are dilly-dilly, and never know when the hail will lift and they will find Tommies, bomb in hand, at the mouth of their dug-outs.

This is the newest game, and it is the delight of our men to creep up towards an enemy trench under the cover of artillery fire and then pounce on the Germans almost before the splinters of the last shell have spread. Each regiment swears it holds the record, which is always in seconds.

One officer compared this species of innocent nibbling attack to in-fighting in boxing. "Only an expert," he added, "can judge the damage done. The ordinary looker on simply sees two men in grips, but ask the man whose ribs are being pummeled, or only watch his nervous elbow jerks and the flicker of his eyes."

"That's how we have the Germans now. Each round they come up with less kick in them."—Reuter.

Vaterland's Ex-Captain Wants to be an American.

Captain Julius Gabaur, formerly in command of the Vaterland and now in command of the Pennsylvania of the Hamburg-American Line, announced on February 4 that he desired to become an American citizen. He said he realised this action would mean the forfeiture of his command, but it made no difference to him. He asserted he would apply to the immigration authorities at Ellis Island on February 5 for permission to take out his citizenship papers.

The war divided England into two classes of men. There was Mr. Greatheart and Mr. Littlefaith. (Hear, hear.) He did not know what became of Mr. Littlefaith because the author never thought it worth while to say, but the House would remember that Mr. Greatheart came across an old gentleman asleep under an oak tree. That old gentleman, he thought, the author meant to be old England, because his name was Mr. Honesty. When he said, "old England," he did not think that at Scotchman, an Irishman, or a Welshman would like to claim it because the town that Greatheart came from was the town of Stupidity. (Laughter.) His hon. and learned friend had talked about people not being in a hurry to get to the Kingdom of Heaven. Everyone wished to live a little longer of this earth. Mr. Honesty eventually got to the Kingdom of Heaven because he was, as he hoped the whole of the British Empire would be helped by a constant (Cheers.)

SENSITIVE STEEL HANDS

How French Surgeons Rebuild Wounded Soldiers.

Some of the wonders of physical reconstruction that are being achieved in the treatment of disabled soldiers in France are described by Sir Henry Norman, M.P., in a special report to the Secretary for War. Particularly successful is the work of Professor Jules Amar, to whom, as he goes down the street near his hospital in Paris, the women smile and say: "That's the man that gave my husband his arm back."

On the day of Sir Henry Norman's visit there were in the laboratory three one-armed men who are earning 6s. 8d. a day as fitters. One of them while waiting amused himself by running on a lathe the little brass shells, as souvenirs, as well as any turner could have done.

Professor Amar offered a cigarette to one man whose arm had been amputated just below the shoulder. Sir Henry Norman was about to take a cigarette from his own case in order to hand it to the man, who, saying "Pardon me, I can help myself," proceeded to take one with his steel hand. Placing the cigarette in his mouth he selected a match from a box, struck it on the box in his sound hand, and lighted the cigarette, holding the lighted match in his steel hand.

A second man, using his artificial hand, grasped the hand of Sir Henry Norman and shook it warmly. The third, whose arm was amputated above the elbow, picked up a needle from the table with a small pair of dissecting forceps. Afterwards the men gave an exhibition of turning and filing metal and wood-drilling with a sensitive bit. The motions of these wonderful artificial limbs are controlled, through straps and cords, by movements of the muscles of the chest and back.

MEN OF 18 TO 22.

Immediate Call To The Colours.

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:—

In accordance with the decision of the War Cabinet, and following upon the instruction of the Director-General of National Service that Government departments are to cancel forthwith all exemptions granted to young men of 18 to 22 years of age passed for general service, the War Office has ordered the immediate call of these men to the colours.

Instructions have been issued to recruiting officers that men of 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 passed for general service and employed in Government establishments are hereby called up for service at once.

The order affects Government servants of all kinds, including policemen, firemen, teachers, men in the employment of Local Authorities, Post Office servants, Customs and Excise employees, and the Civil Service generally. It does not apply to men engaged in agriculture, steel production, mines, quarries, railway shops, transport work, shipyards, or to men in the occupations covered by the trade card scheme. In the case of men of the ages mentioned above who hold tribunal exemptions, with the exception of those in certified occupations, reviews are to be applied for immediately.

All War Office exemptions and recruiting officers' exemptions for men of the ages mentioned have been cancelled, with the exception of a few relating to students serving in Officers' Training Corps who are undergoing training for commissions in the Forces, and others under instruction in schools of wireless telegraphy.

A further War Office order calls to the Colours men of military age who have been classified in categories B ii and C ii. Men classified in Band C categories employed on the work of national importance set out above, and those who have been placed in substitution for general service men called to the Colours, as men who have been enrolled as Army Reserve mobilisation workers are excepted.

Similarly this further order does not apply to men in possession of certificates of exemption granted by Parliament or Government departments.

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Marine Insurances.	
Cantons	n. \$370
North Chinas	n. \$150
Unions	n. \$895
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FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fires	b. \$155
H. K. Fires	b. x. d. \$325
SHIPPING.	
Douglases	s. \$99
Steamboats	sa. \$1814
Indos (Def.)	sa. \$127
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Shells	n. 108½
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4 m/s France	327 1/4
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2.45 P.M. to	3.15 P.M.	" 10 MIN.
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PUBLIC AUCTIONS. **GEO. P. LAMMERT.** AUCTIONEER, SHARE & GENERAL BROKER.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **FRIDAY, the 30th March, 1917,** commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 1, Gordon Terrace, Hanoi Road, Kowloon, **A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture** (Full particulars from catalogue) On view from Thursday, the 29th, inst. Terms—Cash on delivery.
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33.—"Any person making any addition to any electrical installation connected to the Company's main without obtaining the written consent of the company, thereto shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every such addition."
34.—"Any consumer upon whose premises any such addition shall be found shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every day or part of a day during which such addition shall have been in existence. In this regulation the person in whose name the contract for the supply of electricity to such premises was made with the Company, or if there be no such person, the principal tenant or person in actual occupation of the premises in which such addition shall be found."
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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on **FRIDAY the 30th instant, at NOON**, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916. The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 15th to 30th March, both days inclusive.
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By Order of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1917.

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned.
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Letters and Parcels containing such articles cannot therefore be accepted for transmission by the Post Office.

FRENCH PARCEL REGULATIONS.

The Public are informed that the new regulations adopted by the French Customs in order that senders of parcels addressed to France, Corsica and Algeria must fill in the columns of the regular Customs Declaration particularly and exactly, omitting none of the headings comprised therein.
It is furthermore absolutely necessary to show in the Declaration (1) the full name and address of the addressee (2) a statement as to whether the contents are intended for State supplies or not.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming Mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all correspondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, East Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

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Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 1.30 a.m.

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Shataukok, Shatin and Shengshui.—Week days, 4 p.m.

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Canton, Samshui and Wuchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

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Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Anhui, Br., ss. 1354, Eddy, 26th Mar.—Shanghai, 25th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Begbie Miss
Cowan Capt.
Poulfield
Lindberg Capt. &
Mrs.
Marshall Mrs.
Masull
Malcolm Mr. & Mrs.
Potter Mr. & Mrs.
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 29th at noon—No return from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly at Vladivostok, and increased slightly at all other reporting stations.

The anticyclone has spread slightly to southward and eastward.
Strong monsoon is indicated over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.43 inches, against an average of 5.53 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Road	N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.
2 Forenoon Channel	N.E. gale, moderating.
3 South coast of China bet. H.K. and Lamoo	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China bet. H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
March 29, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Weather
Victoria	6a	30.21	25		0	dh
Hongkong	6a					
Shanghai	6a					
Tokio	6a					
Kobe	6a					
Nagasaki	6a					
Kagima	6a					
Oshima	6a					
Naha	6a					
Shimonoseki	6a					
Yokohama	6a					
Choshi	6a					
Wharfed	6a	30.43	31	60	ww	4 b
Hankow	6a					
Shanghai	6a	30.49	34	82		0 b
Shanghai	6a	30.46	43	66	n	1 b
Shanghai	6a	30.39	50	96	n	2 e
Shanghai	6a	30.45	54	62	n	4 o
Shanghai	6a	30.34	55	66	n	6 o
Shanghai	6a	30.31	54			0 e
Shanghai	6a	30.19	52			0 e
Shanghai	6a	30.17	56			0 e
Shanghai	6a	30.31	59			10 e
Shanghai	6a	30.29	55	94	n	1 o
Shanghai	6a	30.26	59	62		0 o
Shanghai	6a	30.25				0 e
Shanghai	6a	30.26	57	72	n	4 o
Shanghai	6a					
Shanghai	6a	30.33	59	79	e	4 o
Shanghai	6a	29.92	73			4 e
Shanghai	6a	30.02	70	98	n	6 e
Shanghai	6a	29.91	73	91	n	1 o
Shanghai	6a	29.92	72	91		0 o
Shanghai	6a	29.91	77	89		0 o
Shanghai	6a	29.87	75	91		0 o